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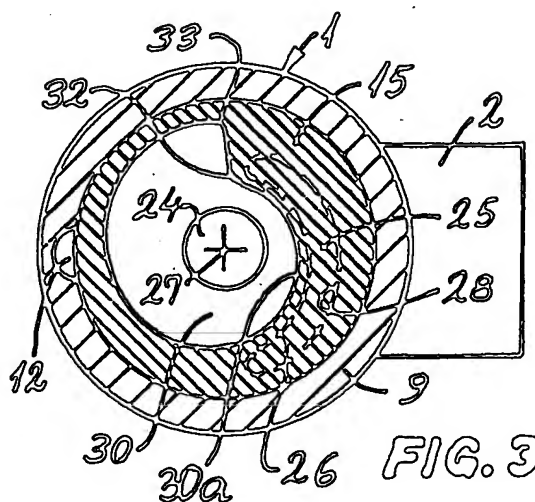
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(54) Stop or mixing valves

(57) A stop or mixing valve consists of a housing (1) in which a stationary control body and a rotatable control body (15) are arranged. The control bodies contact each other along planar, wear-resistant surfaces wherein one or more control slots 25 and recesses 30 are respectively provided in order to control the flow rate and, in case a mixing valve is concerned, also the mixing ratio. In order to, in particular at the beginning of the opening and at the end of the closing of the valve, reduce the noise of the valve as much as possible each of the control slots and recesses (25 and 30 respectively) comprises a control edge (26 and 30a respectively) which extends along a spiral with respect to the central axis (27) of the control bodies. Geometrically

the or each pair of control edges (26 and 30a) are shaped as spirals of Archimedes in such a way that the edges define a long slot having a width which is constant along the length of the slot.



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SPECIFICATION

Stop or mixing valve

- 5 The present invention relates to a stop or mixing valve comprising a housing wherein a rotatable and a stationary control body are arranged, which are in contact with each other by means of planar, wear-resistant surfaces and wherein control recesses are provided.

- 10 A stop valve of the kind referred to is known from Swedish patent specification No. 82990. According to this prior art a plate of a material wherein a control opening shaped as a kidney is provided, is stationary arranged in the valve housing, and, moreover, a plate of another material wherein a circumferentially extending control opening is provided, the width of which decreases in the circumferential direction, is movably arranged in the valve housing. Moreover, this known valve comprises a handle with a spindle which extends through the centre of the stationary plate and is connected with the movable plate in such a way that closing and opening can be carried out by rotating the latter. Moreover, reference is made to the same applicant's prior Danish patent application No. 125/79, filed 11.1.1979, with the title "Control or Mixing Valve". According to last mentioned application the control recesses are defined by edges shaped as circle arches and extending coaxially with the corresponding control bodies and by control edges extending in the radial direction.

- During further developments of valves according to the last mentioned application it has been proved that noise problems arise which are believed to be caused by the shape of the control recesses.

- 40 The stop or mixing valve according to the present invention is characterized by each control recess comprises at least one edge shaped as a spiral of Archimedes with respect to the central axis of the corresponding control body, and that said edges shaped as a spiral of Archimedes pairwise correspond geometrically to each other. By the term "a spiral of Archimedes" as used in the present specification a spiral shaped curve is to be understood, the distance of which from the corresponding centre by a constant rotation of angle increases by a constant increment. By using this particular shape it has been proved that the noise, in particular during opening and/or closing of the valve, is considerably reduced due to the fact that by the initial opening and/or at the end of the closing a long slot is formed between the edges shaped as a spiral of Archimedes, and the width of such slot immediately before closing and immediately after opening is constant along the

along the long slot shaped opening and thereby a considerable noise reduction is achieved.

- In order to achieve this result both at the beginning of the opening of the valve and at the end of the closing movement an embodiment of the valve is according to the invention characterized by at least one of said control recesses being defined by a further edge shaped as a spiral of Archimedes with respect to the central axis of the corresponding control body and by the two edges shaped as a spiral of Archimedes of said control recess being geometrically similar.

- 80 A further embodiment of the stop valve according to the invention is characterized by each of the edges shaped as a spiral of Archimedes extends approximately from a position adjacent a central passage and to a position adjacent the periphery of the corresponding control body. By means of this embodiment a maximum length is achieved as regards the slot previously referred to.

- In this connection and when a mixing valve is concerned, at least said one control edge shaped as a spiral of Archimedes of each control recess may extend along an angle of approximately 90° around the centre of the corresponding control body.

- 95 Further advantages and structural features according to the present invention will be explained more detailed in the following with respect to the drawings on which:

- Figure 1 shows an axial section of an embodiment of the stop valve according to the present invention. However, in this figure the shape of the valve housing, in the case a mixing valve is concerned, is indicated by broken lines,

- 100 Figure 2 shows a section according to line IV-IV in Fig. 1, in the case where a stop valve is concerned, and illustrating the valve in the full open position,

- 105 Figure 3 shows a section corresponding to Fig. 2 wherein, however, the valve is completely closed,

- Figure 4 shows a section according to line IV-IV in Fig. 1 in the case where a mixing valve is concerned, and wherein the valve is illustrated fully open as regards one inlet and immediately before opening of another inlet, and

- Figure 5 shows a section corresponding to Fig. 4 in the closed position of the valve.

- 120 On the drawing 1 is a valve housing which according to the embodiment shown with full lines in Fig. 1 is provided with a laterally extending connection 2 and a downwardly directed connection 3. In case a valve housing for a mixing valve is concerned, the valve housing is supplemented by a further laterally directed connection 4 as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 1. In case where a stop valve is concerned, the direction of passage of the

the control edge 26. It will be understood that the same phenomenon results by initial opening, viz. if the control body 15 in Fig. 3 is rotated anti-clockwise.

5 According to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 the wall of the recess 30 is, as seen in the vertical projection, shaped as a spiral of Archimedes along the full length, however, with the exception of the part of the
10 wall which forms the step between the points 32 and 33. However, due to the fact that the conditions at the beginning of the opening and the end of the closing in particular cause noise, it will be understood that it is only
15 necessary to shape the inner control edge 26 and that part of the wall of the recess 30 which cooperates therewith during the beginning of the opening and at the termination of the closing as spirals of Archimedes.
20 As previously mentioned Figs. 4 and 5 illustrate an embodiment of the invention in the form of a mixing valve, and, accordingly, the valve housing is provided with two laterally directed connections 2 and 4. Moreover,
25 the flow direction in this embodiment will be previously determined, viz. as indicated by means of arrows 40 in Figs. 4 and 5. In the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 4 and 5 the stationary control body 10 is provided with
30 two control recesses 41 and 42, each of which communicates with one of the ducts 8 and 7 respectively. Each of the two recesses 41 and 42 is defined by two control edges 43 and 44 (Fig. 4) which are shaped as geometrically similar spirals of Archimedes. Due to the
35 fact that two control recesses must be provided, the control edges 43 and 44 will be shorter than the control edges 26 and 28 in Figs. 2 and 3, which extend along approximately 180°, whereas the control edges 43 and 44 according to Figs. 4 and 5 extend
40 along approximately 90°. The rotatable control body 15 in Figs. 4 and 5 is provided with a control recess, the vertical projection of which is shown in said figures. Also in this
45 case the control recess in the control body 15 comprises a flat bottom, and, accordingly, does not continue to the upper surface of the control body 15. From a centrally arranged
50 flow passage 46 the control recess in the control body 15 extends in a hook-like fashion outwardly in opposite directions in order to form two portions 47 and 48, each of which is defined by two control edges 49 and 50
55 (Fig. 5) which along the major part of their length are shaped as a spiral corresponding to the shape of the spiral of the edges 43 and 44. However, this does not apply as regards the inner ends of the portions 47 and 48, viz.
60 at the positions where these portions open into the centrally arranged flow passage 46. Outwardly the portions 47 and 48 are defined by wall parts 51 and 52 extending along

which define the control recesses 41 and 42 outwardly.

The portions 47 and 48 are spaced 180° in the circumferential direction from each other
70 which, however, does not apply as regards the control recesses 41 and 42, seeing that the latter are spaced in the circumferential direction in such a way that when one of the portions, cf. 42 in Fig. 4, fully overlaps the
75 control recess 42, the other portion 47 will be positioned a little offset with respect to the other control recess 41.

The operation of the mixing valve according to Figs. 4 and 5 will easily be understood
80 with reference to the explanation of the operation of the valve according to Figs. 2 and 3. However, it should be mentioned that by rotating the upper control body 15 from the position shown in Fig. 4 and in the direction
85 of the arrow 54 an initial opening of the control recess 41 will result along the full length of one of the control edges thereof and with a slot width which is constant along the full length of the slot, and simultaneously
90 closing of the other control recess 42 will be initiated in such a way that the inlet through the connection 2 will be throttled. Accordingly, a gradual mixing of e.g. water which
95 arrives via the connection 2 with e.g. water which arrives via the connection 4 will result, and the mixed water will leave the valve via the downwardly directed connection 3 of the valve, cf. Fig. 1. When the control recess 41
100 has been fully opened, the control recess 42 will be closed, and during this closing a slot narrowing as previously explained will result. The valve is illustrated in the closed position in Fig. 5 from which it will be seen that the
105 portion 48 can be positioned between the control recesses 41 and 42.

Accordingly, due to the two-sided spiral form of both the portions 47 and 48 and of the control recesses 41 and 42 of Figs. 4 and 5 a noise reduction is achieved both by the
110 opening and the closing of both of the control recesses 41 and 42.

It will be understood that according to both the embodiments illustrated the sides of the control bodies 10 and 15 which faces each
115 other are completely planar in such a way that the cooperating surfaces form seals along the sides of the control recesses. The control bodies may e.g. consist of sintered ceramic material or a corresponding wear resistant material which may be given the plane form
120 necessary in order to achieve the sealing effect requested.

CLAIMS

125 1. Stop- or mixing valve comprising a housing (1) wherein a rotatable and a stationary control body (10 and 15 respectively) are arranged, which are in contact with each other by means of planar, wear resistant sur-